

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_1404A  
Susumu TSUKAMOTO et al. : **Confirmation No. 3816**  
Serial No. 10/590,706 : Group Art Unit 3742  
Filed May 17, 2007 : Examiner Sang Yeop Paik  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 22, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: